

John Lambert to Andrew Jackson, January 11, 1815, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

MAJOR-GENERAL LAMBERT TO JACKSON.

January 11, 1815.

Sir, I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this days date and to inform you that I am Commr. of the Forces acting on the left Bank of the Mississipi.

It is no doubt my duty not to allow any correspondence connected with this Force to go through any other hands but my own, especially when what may be required must have the Sanction of the Commr of the Forces of the U. States Army acting on the same territory.

Vice Admiral Sir A. Cochrane has told me that he had had a correspondence with Commodore Patterson, commg the Naval Force on this Station on the subject of the exchange of Prisoners, but I conceived that this originated from and had reference to those who were taken in the gun boats, I recollect his saying, that he considered the terms so explicit and fair that he had no difficulty in embracing them.

If, I am right, the basis was that there should be a mutual exchange, on each side, as far as equal numbers went, that the residue on either should be given up on Parole, not to serve untill regularly exchanged, and that the Wounded whose cases would not admit of removal, should remain untill sufficiently recovered. If, Sir, such are your sentiments on the subject, I shall be very happy to concur in them and as in our situation we find sufficient employment, if you will have the goodness to direct your Adj. General to make

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the correspondence relative to it pass through his office, it shall be met with equal attention from that of this Force.

I have the honor to be, sir